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Dear Parents and Community

Many educators have welcomed the news that the education department has gazetted that the curriculum from 2025 will include coding and robotics from grades R to nine. This move will modernize the school curriculum and bring much-needed focus to the development of 21st-century skills. In the foundation phase the focus will be on unplugged coding supporting the learners to further build their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. We already include computer and information technology, as well as mathematics and sciences in our project-based learning from Grade 4 to 7. Basic computer skills are introduced from Grade 2.

Today we are fortunate to have two facilitators from Nelson Mandela University to introduce coding and train the teachers so that they will be confident and well prepared for the New Year. Miss Sangqu is a regional coordinator for Gqeberha and Miss Mthambeka is a master trainer and focuses on the Intermediate Phase. They both exhibit nationally representing Tangible Africa. Tangible Africa have partnered with the Department of Basic Education and they are excited by soft skill development as an integral part of the new Coding and Robotics curriculum.



On the note of staff development, about two months ago I put in an application to ISASA (Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa) for a visitorship to the Netherlands in 2025 to attend an International Conference on Teaching, Education and Learning. I included in this application visits to schools in the Hagua and Woerden. To my delight my application was successful and I have been granted funding to go in September 2025. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with leading academic scientists and researchers all in the field of Education. Learning about the most recent innovations, trends and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted will benefit our school and schools who are affiliated to ISASA.

Have a blessed week
Julie Sparks
Headmistress



I will instruct you and teach you
in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
Psalm 32:8



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Grade 1 News by Mrs Jessica Bouwer Term 3, 2024

In maths, the Grade Ones are applying their skills in doubling and halving in various practical situations. For instance, they are learning to double when counting eyes and ears instead of simply counting by 1s and 2s, and they double twice rather than counting by 4s when counting animals' legs.

In Literacy, our theme revolved around construction and problem-solving through the story of "The Three Little Pigs." The children had a fantastic time crafting houses in Art with Mrs Aliber, aiming to build them sturdy enough that the Big Bad Wolf (represented by a hairdryer) couldn't blow them down.

Brain breaks are crucial components of a Grade1's day. These breaks include playing chess for merits and engaging in midline crossing exercises, both of which positively influence their attention and working memory.



Important Dates

- Wednesday, 16 October - School closes at 12h00. Teachers training workshop: Demystify Coding.
- Thursday, 17 October - Soccer matches vs Bedford Country School away and Kat River Primary School at home.
- Friday, 18 October - Assembly and Bakerman (no ice cream sale). School closes at 13h00.
- Friday, 25 October - Assembly and Bakerman. School closes at 13h00.
- Saturday, 26 October - Yellowwoods Mini Soccer Family Day - POSTPONED.



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Grade R Term 3 News by Miss Ziervogel

This term has been full of exciting new adventures! We are learning to work together with our friends and tackle challenges as a team.

Our big focus is on different types of farming, which has been so much fun! We even got to make our own milkshake while discovering how everyday things are made. Alongside our farm fun, we've also started learning to read. Watching the joy on the children's faces as they recognize words is truly heart warming.

With summer upon us, we've already enjoyed our first splash in the school pool. It's shaping up to be a term full of learning, laughter, and lovely memories!





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**YELLOWWOODS PRE-PRIMARY
CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER
YELLOWWOODS SCHOOL HALL

09:00 - 10:00
Pre-Primary
kids and parents
(sales and games)

10:00 - 12:00
Open to other grades
for sales